

p.s. Ken's spring break begins next week but he expects to stay in town and work - He bought a car last week - His very own - first one - a '68 pontiac GTO - so wonderful able to bypass many service stations - its nice this

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Dear Vicki & Jim,

What a nice bright morning! A little coolish but pretty-The last two or three days have been a little cooler but before that it was just like spring-or I might say, as good as the month of June often is! The plum trees and forsythia and daffodils, etc. are in bloom and it's very lovely-do you have forsythia and plums back there? I expect so since Washington is full of those gorgeous cherry trees! Thank you so much, honey, for the picture post cards! They're especially nice-they make me want to see the places we visited again and much more!-If we could just afford it, we'd travel all the time-

Speaking of traveling- Dad just came home from another trip to Kansas last Friday-Uncle Irv died and he went back to be with grandpa and grandma through the funeral and a couple of days afterward-He did want to see the family (all the cousins that were so close in their younger days) again and figured this might be the best chance in a long time-He had a real good visit with several of them but missed seeing Uncle Ernie-He had reservations out of Minn. but his flight and others were canceled because of fog! And it was a busy week for him anyway so he couldn't make it a day or two later either-The younger brothers didn't make the trip as they probably didn't have the close ties to the cousins-

Dad had the flu a couple of weeks before he went to Kansas and was still recuperating so we thought he might as well go-he wasn't sick anymore- just weak-weak-weak-the London flu (?) is really a doozy, he says- I moved out into the family room to escape it if I could and haven't had it so think it was a good idea-As a matter of fact, I slept out there for two weeks! One night it rained rather hard and I really enjoyed the sound of it on the roof-even tho it waked me up!

Jerry is still here but will be off and away to California about tomorrow I think-He's had his Buick worked on by a man here in town who is new to the mechanic business and took lots of time checking and rechecking- Sometimes we thought we had him talked into staying here and working with Dad but I know they won't get along that well together and he will be happier down there where this friend is- Tom has been transferred to Camp Pendleton where he will be serving as a medical corpsman with the Marines- So Jerry will be looking for a job in Oceanside or thereabouts-this is located about halfway between San Diego and where Louise lives-I hate to see him go but he does have his own life to live and I believe he's a lot better motivated and more practical than he was when first out of service-

How goes the substitute teaching, dear? Second graders must have been quite a change and a challenge, eh? You cute young things should be great with little people, though- Your proposed trip to Puerto Rico with Jim in late summer sounds like fun-I hope it works out-Have you any word about a full-time teaching job for next year yet?

I must close and finish up my morning's work-Betty Sims sends her "Hello" she often asks me about you-We went to see Dayton win the second spot in Yawama league last night with Bud and Caroline-was a real good game! (And only the 3rd one we've seen all season)-Take it easy and write soon-We love hearing from you two-

Love, Mom & Dad